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1. [] two Chinese Communist naval vessels were anchored off either side of Aochiao Island (N 22-58, E 116-19). Each vessel appeared to be painted gray and to weigh about 400 tons. Between these two vessels was apparently a string of naval mines stretching from Aochiao toward Taiwan as far as could be seen. The mines appeared to be approximately the size of 25-gallon gasoline drums and of a red-brass color. At Amoy an official of the harbor bureau advised seamen not to mention what they had seen at Aochiao, and that from now on it would be dangerous not to remain within the three-mile limit when passing Aochiao.
2. There was no heavy crane or crane of a special type on the piers in Amoy. The Ma Tsu (1265/4371) Pier, located to the left of the T'ai Ku /Butterfield and Swire/ Pier, had a crane made of timber gin poles. [See sketch]. This crane had a lift capacity of 1½ tons and was used only for cargo transfers. No drydock was at Amoy.
3. On 12 August 1955 the HSIEN SHUN (0588/7311) arrived in Amoy and unloaded 1,250 bags of cement that had been loaded on 6 and 7 August at Hsich'uan (6007/1557). This cement was believed to have come from the cement factory in Hsich'uan.

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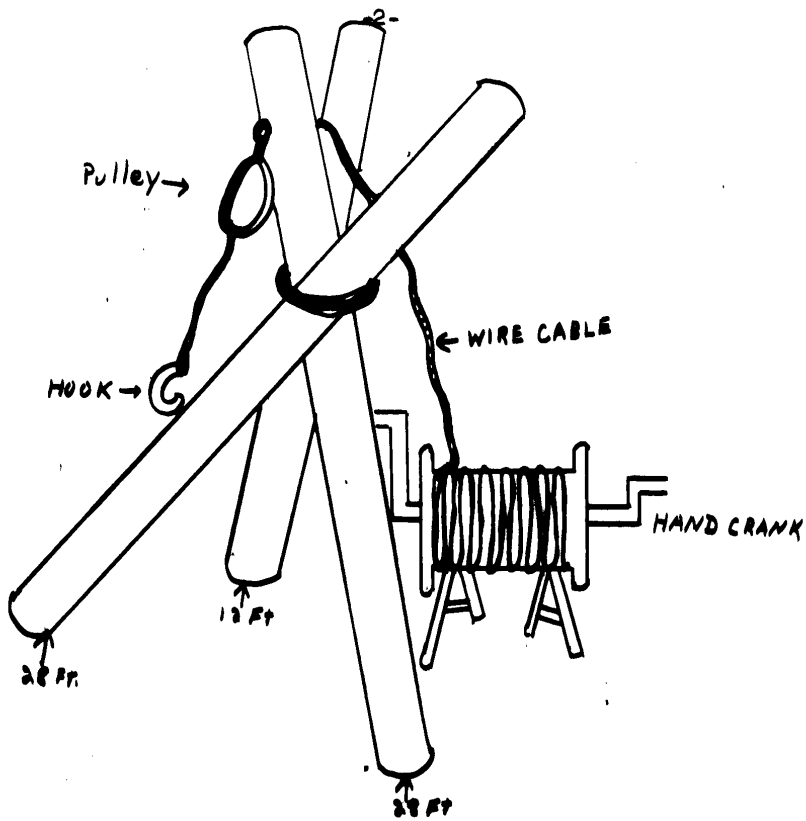
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